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SUBJECT: HUTCHISON CASE: MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF GUZMAN OCT. 4

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1. AFTER OUR ENCOUNTER WITH MENDEZ VARGAS DURING THE DELIVERY OF PROVISIONS (REFTEL), MY SPANISH AND VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUES AND I MET ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER WITH POLICE CHIEF GUZMAN AND BRIEFED HIM ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE OCCURRENCES DURING THE DELIVERY.

2. WE DESCRIBED THE HOSTAGES' ACCOUNTS OF THEIR SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF WATER, AND INSISTED THAT A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST ONE LITER OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY HAD TO BE ESTABLISHED, I.E., A SUPPLY OF 4 GALLONS PER DAY. IF THE GOVERNMENT WISHED TO USE PRES-SURE TACTICS, WE SUGGESTED IT START WITH 5 GALLONS BUT THE SUPPLY SHOULD NOT GO BELOW 4 GALLONS DAILY.

3. WE ALSO EXPLAINED TO GUZMAN THE EFFECTS OF THE NOISEMAKING POLICE
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TACTICS DESCRIBED BY HUTCHISON TO ME TODAY, EMPHASIZING ITS ADVERSE

EFFECTS ON THE MORALE AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE HOSTAGES RATHER THAN UPON THE TERRORISTS. GUZMAN SOMEWHAT SHEEPISHLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE TACTICS WERE HIS OWN IDEA AND HE ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO STOP THEM.

4. REFERRING TO MENDEZ VARGAS' WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A DOCTOR, WE STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF GETTING A DOCTOR INTO THE BUILDING SINCE HE COULD NOT ONLY EXAMINE THE CONDITION OF THE HOSTAGES BUT ALSO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL READING ON THE CONDITION OF THE WOUNDED TERRORIST. THIS IN TURN COULD ENABLE US TO JUDGE THE EXTENT OF THE PRESSURE OF THE WOUNDED MAN'S STATE ON MENDEZ' THINKING.

5. GUZMAN TOOK THIS ALL ABOARD AND SAID HE WOULD CONSULT THE PRESIDENT AND LET US KNOW.
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